

**SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Order # SJ-2012-08**

Pursuant to Title 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect throughout Zone 1, the Lower-Elevation Zone, on National Forest System lands within Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, and Rio Grande Counties within the State of Colorado, referred to as the Restricted Area, and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area, referred to as the Restricted Roads and Trails, from 9:00 a.m. June 9, 2012 until rescinded or until December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

The Restricted Area (Zone 1) encompasses the following portion of the San Juan National Forest, as displayed on the attached map and incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A and is further described as:

All San Juan National Forest lands within a boundary formed by the following line: Beginning on the east side of the San Juan National Forest at Wolf Creek Pass (boundary between San Juan and Rio Grande National Forests) running south along the Continental Divide to the South San Juan Wilderness boundary at Elwood Pass, then west and south along the Wilderness Boundary until you reach Navajo Peak, then following the San Juan National Forest boundary down to its southern edge, then west along the National Forest boundary to McPhee Reservoir (north of Cortez), then continuing north and west along the National Forest boundary roughly parallel to the Dolores River to the northwestern corner of the San Juan National Forest, then east, below Disappointment Creek, then south and west to a point near Benchmark Lookout, then south and east to the intersection with Forest Road 526 (Dolores-Norwood Road), then south and east along Road 526 to its intersection with Forest Road 532 (Cottonwood Road), then east along Road 532 to its intersection with Forest Road 535 (West Dolores Road), then south along Road 535 to its intersection with State Highway 145, then east along Highway 145 to its intersection with Forest Trail 610 (Morrison Trail), then south along Trail 610 to its intersection with Forest Road 556 (Rock Springs Road), then east along Road 556 to its intersection with Forest Road 561 (West Mancos Road), then south along Forest Road 561 to its intersection with Forest Road 350 (Spruce Mill Road), then east along Road 350 to its intersection with Forest Road 346 (Twin Lakes Road), then easterly along Road 346 to the Sharkstooth Trailhead, then east along Trail 622 (Sharkstooth Trail) to its intersection with Trail 607 (Highline Trail), then east along Trail 607 to its intersection with Trail 520 (Colorado Trail) over Kennebec Pass to Forest Road 171N (Champion Venture Road), then east along Road 171N to its junction with Forest Road 171 (Junction Creek Road), then north along Rd 171 to its intersection with Trail 550 (Clear Creek Trail – east side of parking area) to its junction with Trail 514 (Hermosa Creek Trail), then south along Trail 514 to its intersection with Trail 516 (Dutch Creek Trail), then northeasterly along Trail 516 to its intersection with Trail 522 (Pinkerton-Flagstaff Trail), then along Trail 522 to its intersection Nary Draw, then easterly along Nary Draw to its intersection with Highway 550, then across Hwy. 550 to the Haviland Lake Road and east along this road to the west side of Haviland Lake, then along the west side of Haviland Lake to the north end of the lake, then along the national forest boundary on the south and east side of

Electra Lake to Little Cascade Creek, then east along Little Cascade Creek to the Animas River and north along the river until the intersection with Trail 511 (Purgatory Flats Trail), then east to the westernmost tip of the Weminuche Wilderness boundary on the south side of the Animas River, then in an easterly direction along the Wilderness boundary to Wolf Creek Pass on the Continental Divide.

The Restricted Roads and Trails are described as those parts of any and all Roads and Trails that are located within the Restricted Area.

PROHIBITIONS:

The following acts are PROHIBITED within the Restricted Area and also upon the Restricted Roads and Trails (Zone 1, the Lower-Elevation Zone):

- 1) Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. [36 CFR 261.52(a)].

EXCEPT: Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are allowed, and fires are allowed in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites.

- 2) Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. [36 CFR 261.52(d)].
- 3) Using an explosive (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material) [36 CFR 261.52(b)].
- 4) Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame [36 CFR 261.52(i)].
- 5) Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended); or appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a) [36 CFR 261.52(j)].

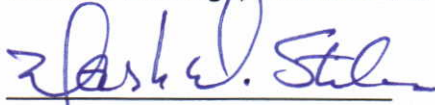
EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5 of this Order. There are no exemptions to prohibition #2.

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

These prohibitions are being implemented because of high fire hazard conditions in the restricted area.

Done at Durango, Colorado this 6th day of June, 2012.



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Forest Supervisor

Violation of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR") prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both [16 USC § 551 and 18 USC 3571].